

ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

K.A.R. 115-18-20. Tournament bass pass; requirements, restrictions, and pass duration.

DESCRIPTION: This new permanent regulation establishes the tournament bass pass. As part of a larger regulatory package involving tournament fishing, a tournament bass pass would allow the holder to possess up to two bass that meet the statewide length limit but do not meet the length limit for the body of water where a permitted and registered tournament is being conducted. The regulation is being proposed at the request of tournament bass anglers.

FEDERAL MANDATE: None.

ECONOMIC IMPACT: The proposed regulation is part of a larger regulatory package for fishing being proposed. As this is an entirely new permit, it is estimated that 500 permits at a cost of \$10 per permit will be sold generating \$5000 in both FY 07 and FY08. In addition, the establishment of the permit may have a collateral positive economic impact on the public as tournaments may be held on bodies of water where length limits previously deterred tournament anglers but any economic impact would be purely speculative. Otherwise, no substantial economic impact to the department, other state agencies or members of the public is anticipated.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED: None.